



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 444

Chairperson: Patrick J. Bourne
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 17, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 444 makes changes to State Disbursement Unit authorities regarding child support payment issues within section 43-3342.03. The State Disbursement Unit may collect actual costs associated with returned check charges or charges for electronic payments not accepted.

In addition, LB 444 changes the State Disbursement Unit's authority to issue notice of required forms of payment subsequent to a support payment resulting in returned check charges or charges for an electronic payment not accepted. Currently, two insufficient fund child support payments within one year are required before the unit has authority to require cash payment of child support obligations. Under LB 444, subsequent to one payment resulting in returned check charges or charges for an electronic payment not accepted, the unit may issue a notice to the originator requiring all future payments be paid by cash, money order, cashier's check, or certified check. LB 444 also makes changes to the acceptable forms of cash payments. Guaranteed funds and wire funds transfer are removed and money order, cashier's check, or certified check are added as acceptable methods of payment.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Jim Jensen